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Subject OPA Daily Digest, 7/23/12

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Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (Mo.) – Letter – 7/18/12. Questions about the bidding process for the contract to perform lead remediation work at the Omaha Lead Site. Due: 7/31/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 7/6/12 – Requests a status update on the West Lake Landfill superfund site. Due: 7/10/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Joplin (Mo.) Tri-State Business Journal – Carol Liston – 7/23/12 – Questions about EPA's Cooperative Agreement with the City of Joplin to provide funding for sampling and remediation of lead-contaminated properties affected by the May 2011 tornado. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

The Associated Press - EPA reviews part of power plant rule - 7/21/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing part of a controversial rule that sets the first federal standards to reduce toxic air pollution from power plants.

http://www.philly.com/philly/business/homepage/20120720_ap_apnewsbreakereviewsapartofpowerplant_rule.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Tough talk on cleanup of toxic site in St. Louis falls hollow - 7/23/12 - Carondelet Coke was one of the most polluted places in Missouri. Allied Chemical and Ironton Coke was one of the most contaminated sites in Ohio.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/tough-talk-on-cleanup-of-toxic-site-in-st-louis/article_9afc5a5c-a79e-5e96-b53a-d8beddd47f4e.html

The Topeka Capital-Journal - It's Your Business (paragraph in the "Miscellaneous" section) - 7/21/12 - Kansas State University has been awarded a \$60,000 grant by the Environmental Protection Agency to develop a program to teach the public about ways to reduce pollutants in the Old Smoky River channel. The EPA says the program will include workshops on such topics as water quality sampling, storm water runoff and stream bank stabilization.

<http://cjonline.com/news/business/2012-07-21/its-your-business>

Neosho Daily News - Cleanup one step closer - 7/21/12 - Cleanup of the Pools Prairie Superfund Site is one step closer to completion. Dwight Douglas, president of the Community Advisory Group that has been working toward the cleanup, announced the progress Thursday in a meeting with area officials and engineers. http://www.neoshodailynews.com/features/x798867629/Cleanup-one-step-closer?zc_p=0

BNA - EPA Agrees to Reconsider Mercury, Air Toxics Standards for New Power Plants - 7/23/12 - EPA agrees to reconsider its mercury standards for new power plants. Potential Impact: The reconsideration is expected to "provide greater certainty" for five planned power plants in Georgia, Kansas, Texas, and Utah. <http://www.bna.com/epa-agrees-reconsider-n12884910765/>

PressConnects.com - Supporters of higher-ethanol fuels frustrated - 7/22/12 - JOHNSTON, IOWA — When President Barack Obama moved into the White House in 2009, E15 -- a higher blend of ethanol and gasoline than commonly available -- was thought to be a sure thing. <http://www.pressconnects.com/article/20120722/NEWS01/307220010/Supporters-higher-ethanol-fuels-frustrated?odyssey=tab%7Ctopnews%7Ctext%7CFRONTPAGE>

Columbia Daily Tribune/AP - EPA to review air standard - 7/21/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing part of a controversial rule that sets the first federal standards to reduce toxic air pollution from power plants. <http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/2012/jul/21/epa-to-review-air-standard/>

Montana Watchdog - Nebraska offers comment on proposed Keystone project - 7/23/12 - Nebraska's version of the EPA released a "feedback report" July 17 in response to a Canadian pipeline company's proposed new route for an oil pipeline that will traverse the state en route from Canada to Texas. In April, TransCanada submitted six alternative pipeline corridors to comply with Nebraska's request that it reroute its pipeline around the state's fragile Sandhills. <http://montana.watchdog.org/2012/07/23/11584/>

High Country News (blog/opinion) - A look inside a clean water regulator's mind - 7/23/12 - One of the biggest water polluters in our country is the factory farm. In 2008, a Government Accountability Office report panned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failing to know where most of these farms were located, let alone if they were releasing their manure into rivers, lakes and streams. <http://www.hcn.org/hcn/blogs/goat/a-look-inside-a-clean-water-regulators-mind>

Omaha World-Herald - Silty mess led to a project to improve runoff in neighborhoods - 7/23/12 - It started with a silty mess that continually built up at a northwest Omaha car dealership. The business owned by Gregg Young got the dirtiest part of stormwater after it gushed down the Saddle Hills residential area and through a churchyard, where it carved a ravine alongside a kids soccer field. By the time the flow reached Young's Chevrolet dealership, it had picked up a wide range of contaminants and left, well, a grimy pain in the pocketbook. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20120723/MONEY/707239976/1697>

Des Moines Register - Ethanol producer troubles continue with E15 - 7/21/12 - Race fans cheered a week ago at the "American Ethanol 200" NASCAR race, where cars were powered with the 15 percent blend of ethanol. The race was a promotional boost for ethanol. Unfortunately, the only Iowans who can put more than 10 percent ethanol in their tanks are the roughly 5 percent of vehicle owners whose models can use up to 85 percent ethanol. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120722/BUSINESS/307220054/0/sports/?odyssey=nav%7Chead>

Clinton Herald - Clinton to finalize mandated sewer plan costs - 7/23/12 - The Clinton City Council on Tuesday will vote on the long-term control plan consent order amendment, which requires the city to spend an estimated \$100 million over the next 25 years. <http://clintonherald.com/local/x453796051/Clinton-to-finalize-mandated-sewer-plan-costs>

Inside EPA - State Environmental, Energy Agencies Split Over EPA Diesel Fracking Guide - 7/23/12 - State environmental and energy agencies are split over EPA's controversial draft guide for permitting hydraulic fracturing operations that use diesel fuels, with the environmental agencies agreeing with EPA that the operations should be subject to drinking water permits, while the energy commissions that currently hold the permitting authority staunchly opposing the agency's effort and hinting at lawsuits. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201207232405294/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/state-environm>

ental-energy-agencies-split-over-epa-diesel-fracking-guide/menu-id-202.html

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

7/24-26/12 – Lead Task Force Meeting and Site Tour, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Cecilia Tapia, 7733 and Julia Cacho, 7071

7/27/12 – Missouri Environmental Conference at the Lake, Osage Beach, Mo. Contacts: Julia Cacho, 7071 and David Cozad, 7587

7/27/12- Lincoln University Water Boot Camp Certificate Ceremony, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Kris Lancaster, 7557 and Monica Espinosa, 7541

8/17/12 – Meetings with IDNR and Farm Broadcasters, Des Moines, Iowa. Contacts: Kris Lancaster, 7557 and Josh Svaty, 7202

9/10/12 – Bayer CropScience Community Advisory Panel, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Rich Hood, 7906

11/19/12 – 2012 Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782 and Julia Cacho, 7071

RA/Immediate Office

8/13-17/12 - ORD Lead Region Transition Planning Meeting with Region 10, Corvallis, Ore. Contacts: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566 and Dana Peters, 7444

9/11- 12/12 - Attend Hypoxia Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

9/13/12 - Attend National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

Other Events

AWMD

7/26/12 - Attending Missouri Air Conservation Commission public meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147

7/31/12 - Attending the Cooper Nuclear Plant exercise, Brownsville, Neb. Contact: Robert Dye, 7605

8/1/12 - Attending Pollution Prevention Intern report-outs, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Marcus Rivas, 7669

8/7/12 - Attending Pollution Prevention Intern report-outs, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Marcus Rivas, 7669

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

7/26/12 - Boys and Girls Club Summer Camp, Olathe, Kan. Contact: Michael Minor, 7539

8/9/12 - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

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10/11/12 - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

ENSV

7/22-30/12 - ORD/U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) sampling event, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Brenda Groskinsky, 7188

7/31 - 8/2/12 – Meeting with the incoming Lead Region Coordinators and the National Program Directors, Washington, DC. Contact: Tony Petruska, 7637

PLMG

8/1-2/12 - Sustainable Communities Building Blocks code audit workshops in Dallas Center, Woodward and Van Meter, Iowa. Contact David Doyle, 7667

8/8/12 - Sustainable Communities Building Blocks code audit workshop in Hays, Kan. Contact David Doyle, 7667.

RA/OPA

7/25-26/12 – Missouri Lead Task Force Tour and Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo., and Meramec State Park, Sullivan, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394

7/26/12 – Public Availability Session, Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Site, Norfolk, Neb. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 and Owens Hull, 7726

***7/27/12** – “We the People: A Look Inside Congress,” Congressional Seminar and Career Fair with Congressman Emanuel Cleaver and Congressman Kevin Yoder, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555

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None

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7/23-26/12 - Office of Pesticide Programs Office Director and others participating in resistance

management in corn, field tours/discussions, Ames, Iowa. Contact: Jamie Green, 7139

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